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To whom it may concern at the EPA,

As a concerned resident of Portland I am deeply disappointed with the recently released Portland Harbor Superfund Cleanup Plan. The Willamette is our river and the cleanup plan is simply not good enough! The plan not only short changes our diverse community of citizens, but also greatly impacts all of the wildlife who rely on this river as their habitat. This is our one chance to make good all the decades of wrong doing and the legacy of pollution and contamination. We've patiently waited for over 17 years to address the problems of contamination the lower Willamette faces. This plan is so disappointing. As written the plan includes way to much "natural recovery" and not enough sediment removal.

Here are some specific points to consider.

- 1) The Draft Cleanup Plan removes far too little contaminated sediment from the Willamette River. Experts have recommended that at least 1000 acres of polluted sediment be removed from the river.
- 2) The Draft Cleanup Plan prescribes far too much "Monitored Natural Recovery" which in essence leaves polluted material in the river, and monitors it over time.
- 3) The goal of the cleanup must be to end the Fish Consumption Advisory related to pollutants found in the Portland Harbor stretch of the Willamette River. That must apply to all people. The US EPA must provide a date by which the advisory will be lifted.
- 4) Those who have liability for the PCBs, PAH, DDT and other pollutants now in the river sediments, must meet their community obligation to do the right thing and conduct a comprehensive and timely cleanup.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

All my best,

